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In re Application of:

Prall et al.

Serial No.: 09/832,272

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For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING  
SELF-ALIGNED CVD-  
TUNGSTEN/TITANIUM CONTACT PLUGS  
STRAPPED WITH METAL  
INTERCONNECT AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURE

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: 1765

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.